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FOLLOWING IS PRESENT SITUATION ON AUTOBAHN:

CONVOYS. BC IS SENDING REMAINDER OF ENGINEER COMPANY IN SIX SEPARATE CONVOY SERIALS, THREE TODAY AND THREE TOMORROW. TYPICAL SERIAL CONSISTS OF THREE MILITARY TRUCKS CARRYING ENGINEER PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT, SUPPORTED BY ONE SIGNAL JEEP AND ONE MEDICAL JEEP. SIGNAL JEEP CARRIES ONE SIGNAL MAN AND ONE MILITARY POLICEMAN WITH MP BRASSARD AND PISTOL, OTHERWISE NOT DISTINCTIVELY DRESSED. TODAY'S THREE SERIALS CLEARED SOV CHECKPOINT BABELSBERG WITHOUT DIFFICULTY. FIRST SERIAL CLEARED HELMSTEDT 1300 HOURS; SECOND AT 1700; THIRD STILL EN ROUTE.

ASSISTANCE VEHICLES. BERLIN COMMAND MILITARY ASSISTANCE VEHICLE ARRIVED SOV CHECKPOINT BABELSBERG 7:00 PM LAST NIGHT. LARGE NUMBER SOV FIELD GRADE OFFICERS STILL PRESENT. VEHICLE CLEARED WITHOUT DIFFICULTY AND PROCEEDED UNEVENTFULLY TO HELMSTEDT. VEHICLE WAS UNMARKED MILITARY SEDAN WITH NO RADIO, OCCUPIED BY TWO MILITARY POLICEMEN IN COMBAT FATIGUES WITH PISTOLS, BUT NO OTHER DISTINGUISHING DRESS.

SECOND ASSISTANCE VEHICLE WAS SENT EARLY THIS MORNING. SECOND VEHICLE WAS ALSO UNMARKED SEDAN WITH NO RADIO CONTAINING MILITARY

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SS POLICEMEN IN STILL ANOTHER TYPE UNIFORM NOT DISTINCTIVE TO
G MP'S, WEARING PISTOLS. VEHICLE WAS REFUSED PASSAGE THROUGH
SP SOV CHECKPOINT WITH NO EXPLANATION GIVEN. ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES
SA LATER, UNDER ORDERS FROM HEADQUARTERS, VEHICLE RETURNED TO SOV
L CHECKPOINT. SOV OFFICER ASKED WHETHER VEHICLE WAS TO PATROL
H AUTOBAHN AND WHEN IT INTENDED RETURN BERLIN. DRIVER REPLIED HE
SB PROCEEDING UNDER ORDERS FROM HIS SUPERIOR. PASSAGE WAS AGAIN
SO REFUSED, AND VEHICLE RETURNED WEST BERLIN. DISPATCH FROM BERLIN
IO OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE VEHICLES SUSPENDED FOR TIME BEING.

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P ASSISTANCE VEHICLE THAT HAD BEEN ABLE PROCEED HELMSTEDT PREVIOUS
USIA EVENING RETURNED TO BERLIN 11:30 THIS MORNING WITHOUT DIFFICULTY.

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INR MISSION COMMENT. UNIMPEDED RETURN TO BERLIN OF ASSISTANCE VEHICLE
CIA FROM HELMSTEDT PROBABLY ATTRIBUTABLE EITHER SOV FAILURE DIS-
NSA SEMINATE ORDERS TO CHECKPOINT MARIENBORN OR MORE LIKELY, SOV
OSD DECISION PERMIT VEHICLE RETURN TO HOME STATION. SINCE STOPPING
ARMY OF WESTBOUND ASSISTANCE VEHICLES BEGAN, RETURNING EASTBOUND
NAVY VEHICLES, OF WHICH THERE HAVE BEEN THREE, EXPERIENCED NO DIFFI-
AIR CULTY.

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INSPECTION ISSUE. ON MORNING OF OCT 27, WHITE CONVOY CONSISTING
OF THREE TRUCKS AND ONE SIGNAL JEEP WAS PROCESSING AT SOV CHECK-
POINT BABELSBERG EN ROUTE HELMSTEDT, SOV SOLDIER REPEATEDLY
ATTEMPTED MOUNT TRUCK BUMPERS IN ORDER SEE INSIDE. US CONVOY
COMMANDER HAD TO RESORT PHYSICAL RESTRAINT PREVENT SOV SOLDIER
FROM CARRYING OUT INSPECTION. SOV SOLDIER STATED CONVOY COULD
NOT PROCEED UNTIL HE HAD LOOKED INTO TRUCKS. CONVOY COMMANDER
COMPLAINED TO SOV OFFICER AT CHECKPOINT WHO APPEARED TO REPHRASE
SOLDIER FOR ACTIONS, ALTHOUGH CONVOY COMMANDER COULD NOT UNDER-
STAND LANGUAGE USED. CONVOY WAS THEN RELEASED. THIS IS LATEST OF
SEVERAL SOV ATTEMPTS IN RECENT DAYS INSPECT INSIDE MILITARY TRUCKS
BY MOUNTING VEHICLES.

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